(Answered.)

106. Bath Street.

Glasgow 16 June 1877

Dear Mr. Garrison.

We were delighted to hear of the safe arrival in old England of yourself and Son. Mr. Barker informs me that you stood the voyage very well and I sincerely trust that you will derive much benefit both in health as well as great pleasure in seeing your numerous friends in the old country once more. My wife & daughter Kate, desire to be very kindly remembered to you and to offer you welcome. Will you please let me know about what time you expect to visit Glasgow. We have now gone to live in Rothwell, a pleasant village 8 miles from town and with easy access by numerous railway trains - time of journey under half an hour.

We shall be very happy to have you and your son as guests. I must, however, explain to you how we are situated. We have just bought a new house and the tradesmen are not yet out of it. We, however, expect to get into it next week & to get a few of the rooms put in order. There is painter-work required in some of the rooms but we intend to defer that till after your visit, on account of the smell. The house, tho' new, has been built for a year and is quite dry. We shall be able to give you comfortable bed-rooms and a parlour, altho' the principal room will be unfinished for want of painting. You will have pure air and an opportunity of seeing the vale of Clyde and the Falls while with us. I shall be glad to hear from you & with kindest regards to your self & Sam Dear Mr Lawson,

Yours truly

John Smith

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